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Tomoki AYABE

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING IMAGE DATA IN CONFORMITY WITH JOINT BI-LEVEL IMAGE GROUP SYSTEM



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that we are advised by our client that these references were discovered during any searches they or their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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